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SUBJECT:CSCE: SECRETARY'S CONVERSATION WITH NETHERLANDS
AMBASSADOR

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

1. IN COURSE OF FAREWELL CALL ON SECRETARY AUGUST 1,
NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR VAN LYNDEN SAID THAT FOREIGN
MINISTER VAN DER STOEL HAD ASKED HIM TO STRESS TO THE
SECRETARY THE IMPORTANCE WHICH VAN DER STOEL ATTACHES TO
CSCE AND ESPECIALLY TO THE QUESTION OF BASKET III. HE
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SAID THAT VAN DER STOEL FELT THAT THE USG OUGHT NOT TO

QTE GIVE IN UNQTE ON BASKET III.

2. THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED SOME DIFFICULTY IN UNDERSTANDING EUROPEAN POSITION WHICH ON ONE HAND INSISTS ON STRTNG POSITION ON BASKET III BUT ON THE OTHER DOES NOT WANT TO WRITE THAT POSITION DOWN. HE EMPHASIZED THAT WE WANT TO DISCUSS THE SUBSTANCE OF BASKET III. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE THEORETICAL DEBATE ON THE ISSUE END AND THAT THE DRAFTING BEGIN. THEN IF THE EUROPEANS OBJECT TO THE ALLIANCE DRAFTS, WE WILL BE ABLE TO DISCUSS THEM.

3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN POINTED OUT THAT OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS OF TEXTS IN US AND EC-NINE PAPERS DO NOT DIFFER MUCH. HE ADDED THAT WE WANT DISCUSSION OF THE TEXTS BEFORE SEPTEMBER BUT WERE UNABLE TO GET AGREEMENT TO THIS IN NATO CAUCUS IN GENEVA. WE COULD, HOWEVER, CARRY FORWARD CONSULTATIONS ON CSCE AT NATO HEADQUARTERS IN BRUSSELS. KISSINGER

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